



How to Create Your Own StoryCorps Studio

There are many ways to “sound-treat” a room and get the best results from your StoryCorps app experience.

Picking a space that is secluded and quiet makes sound-treating easier.

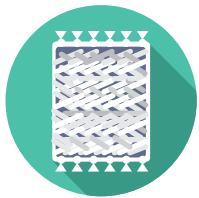
Use rooms that have:

- ✓ Carpeted floors
- ✓ Fixed chairs
- ✓ Drop ceilings
- ✓ Irregular shapes
- ✓ Low ceilings
- ✓ Full bookcases
- ✓ Closed windows and drapes

Avoid using rooms that are large and have:

- ✗ Uncovered or tiled floors/walls
- ✗ Open windows
- ✗ Square shapes
- ✗ High ceilings
- ✗ Bare walls
- ✗ Chairs that swivel or are on wheels

How to “sound-treat” a space:



Put down a thick rug



Cover 1/2 of the walls with moving blankets



Shut all the windows and close all drapes



Find comfortable chairs that lock in a fixed position

While using the StoryCorps app:

For optimum quality, your device’s microphone should always be 6–10 inches from the mouth of the person who is talking.



Adding an external microphone is an easy and relatively inexpensive way to increase the sound quality of your interview. Made for both Android and Apple devices, microphones can be found at most electronics stores and online.

Remember! If you don’t have an external mic, pass the phone back and forth with your interview partner rather than leaving it on the table between you for the best audio quality.